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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Fourth

BACK of the tom-toms, gimecracks, froworks, senul-Mardi Gras features and general far-far-nade attendant upon Fourth of July celebrations is a healthy, deep-seated sentiment, which may well be termed patriotism—a love for and abiding faith in the republic. The young and the thoughtful and lively of all ages must needs find outlet for their enthusiasm in display of flags, roll of the drum and much noise of every kind. But these sound-and-mess-producing ones of this generation know, as well as do the quiet and sedate people, that this is a Nation, to be always spelled with a big N. These lively and thoughtless ones would be first to respond to the call of their country for soldiers, and would fight valiantly beneath the waving folds of Old Glory. All could respond and appreciate, and they bless God for it, the meaning of the Fourth of July—the birthday of a nation, in fullest liberty because of the people and for the people.

The fathers who framed the immortal Declaration of Independence knew their business; that it was serious and momentous, possibly fraught with near death for themselves. "We must all hang together," said one of the signers, meaning that every member should sign the document. "Yes, hang together, or separately," quickly responded the wit among that body. They might have their jokes among themselves, but they well knew that the great undertaking was the most momentous of their lives; it proved to be the grandest of the century. The French revolution, even, was not nearly so important in its results. The France of to-day has scarcely more than one-half the population of the United States, and excels the latter only in art, music and literature. But France was a great nation 1,000 years before Jefferson wrote the lines of the Declaration of Independence. Our fathers were wise men and they knew that in this act they were making history, most colossal history. Hence they were deliberate, earnest and marvelously thorough. As a piece of literature it stands forth a magnificent English classic; its sentiment is lofty and inspiring.

Until this July 4, 1776, the Americans were a body of revolvers against constituted authority. They were rebels against their king and traitors to their country. Had the British been successful in the conflict the names of the great leaders of the revolution would scarcely have been named in history. The Declaration was read 11 days later in New York city, on a spot just in front of the present city hall, before the entire continental army, which received it with wildest enthusiasm; just as did the people at their homes all over the country. It stopped dissension, sealed unity and strengthened all in a glorified purpose to conquer or die.

No wonder that American people are proud of this great work, which converted atainted rebels into dignified revolutionists. The act promoted admiration abroad, just as it excited admiration at home. It paved the way for recognition of this country by France and most effective assistance from the king of that country. The original copy, signed by the members themselves, is preserved with the greatest care at Washington, being justly regarded as one of the most illustrious state documents in all the world. If Magna Charta gave liberty to the English people, the Declaration of Independence assured a grand nation to the world, contributed largely to the overthrow of the French monarchy, and has caused its impress to be felt in every country, Russia itself not excepted.

Hail, then, the anniversary, and welcome. Let it never cease to be commemorated with appropriate ceremonies, this august natal day of a great and prosperous people, which is altogether free. Were it less esteemed, the fact would foretoken a decline of patriotism—a forging of links into a chain for the binding of the limbs of liberty. WILLIAM ROSSER COBBE.

HAD A STILL LIVELIER TIME.

Deacon Goode—Why, Johnny, you must have had a great time on the Fourth.

Johnny Jimcrack—Bet I did; but Tommy Plunks he's in de hospital.

The Day After.

Our street's just a sight! All its corners an' nooks are chuck full o' rubbish. O' my! The mess o' red paper an' rocket sticks looks—

Just looks like the fifth o' July. —Philadelphia Press.

Danger Ahead.

The Mother—Why in the world, John, are you so anxious to have a telephone put in the house before the Fourth?

The Father—Simply because we have ten children, and I want to have facilities for quickly communicating with the doctor.

The Mother—But don't you remember that we decided the children could have no fireworks of any kind?

The Father—But they are to have candy and some of your cake.—Brooklyn Life.

One-Armed Willie.

Willie held the cannon cracker in his fingers, to be brave—

All there was of Willie never can be buried in one grave. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Affectionate.

"Oh," gushed the romantic maid, watching the fireworks, "just see that golden rain sink into the bosom of the sky!"

"Yes," answered the facetious youth; "and just see the sky rocket."—Judge.

Wilfred's Thought.

I think the little shining stars That blink away up so high Are simply Roman-candle balls Stuck fast into the sky. —Judge.

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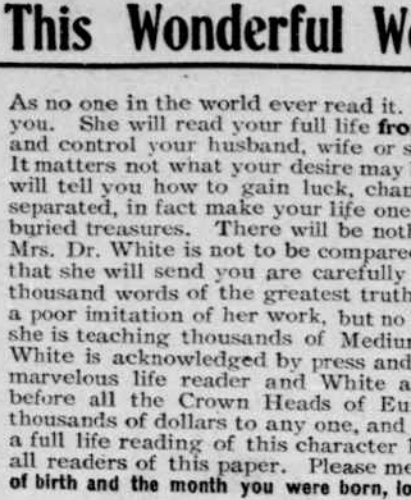
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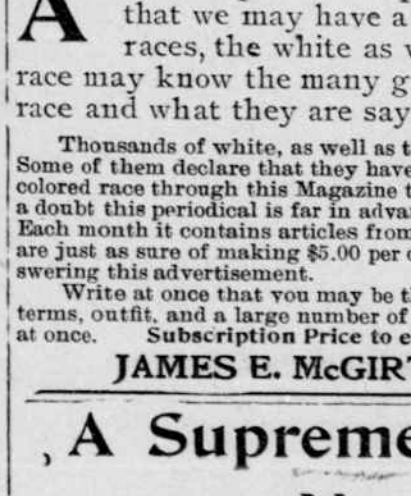
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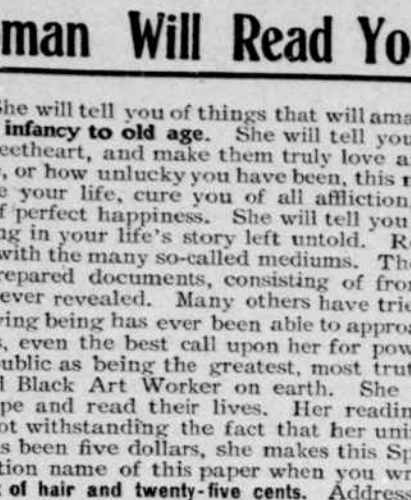
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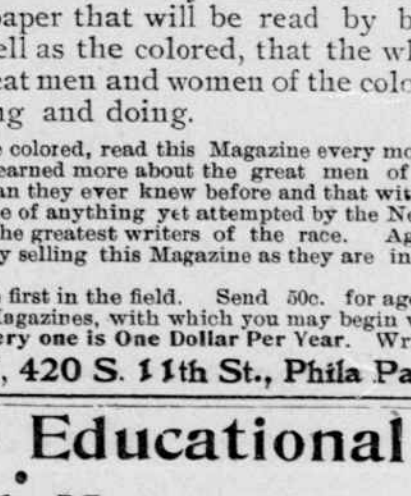
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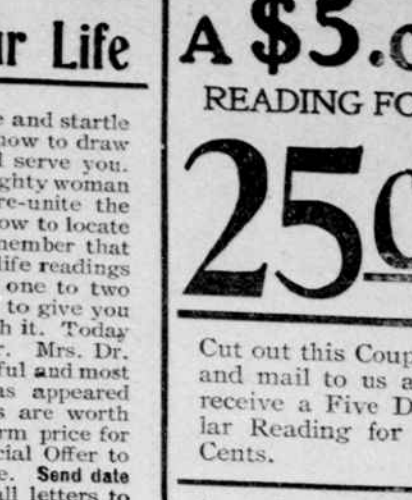
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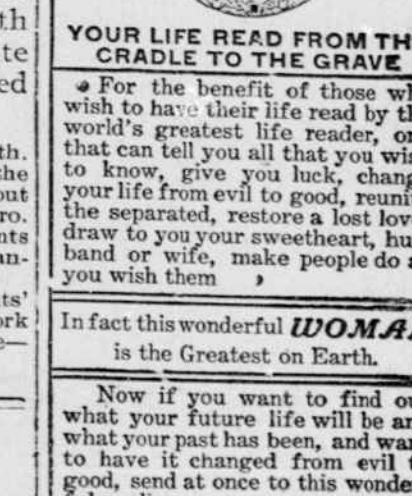
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